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For: USE OF A MIXTURE FOR THE PRODUCTION Attorney Docket No.: 8932-1289-999
OF AN AGENT FOR TREATING DEFECTIVE
OR DEGENERATED CARTILAGE IN THE
PRODUCTION OF NATURAL CARTILAGE
REPLACEMENT *IN VITRO*

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:
 - 1a. A list of all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office.
 - 1b. A legible copy of:
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Before the mailing of the first Office action on the merits;

Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114.

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3a. The Certification Statement in Item 5 below is applicable. Accordingly, no fee is required.

3b. The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) is:

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5a. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), it is certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

5b. Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and the communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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6. This application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.53(b) or (d).

(Check appropriate Items 6a, 6b and/or 6c)

6a. A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) is concurrently filed herewith.

6b. Copies of publications listed on Form PTO-1449 from prior application Serial No. , filed on , of which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, are not being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

6c. Copies of the publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. , filed on , and are provided herewith.

7. This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. (Check Item 7a)

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8a. satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed English language copy of the PCT International Search Report or the search report from a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

8b. set forth in the application.

8c. enclosed as an attachment hereto.

9. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee required or credit any overpayment for this Information Disclosure Statement and/or Petition to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

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